

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK-----X
FERNANDO ZAMORA, et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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- against -

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L PLUS L PRODUCTIONS LLC, et al.

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Defendants.

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ORDER
APPROVING SETTLEMENT**ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

This case is an action for damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.* (“FLSA”) and the New York Labor Law. Before the Court is the parties’ joint letter request that the Court approve their settlement agreement, a fully executed copy of which was submitted on December 29, 2020. A federal court is obligated to determine whether settlement of an FLSA case under the court’s consideration is fair and reasonable and the subject of an arm’s length negotiation, not an employer’s overreaching. See *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015).

The Court assisted in mediating the settlement of this action and has carefully reviewed the Settlement Agreement as well as the parties’ letter. The Court has taken into account, without limitation, prior proceedings in this action; the attendant risks, burdens, and costs associated with continuing the action; the range of possible recovery; whether the Settlement Agreement is the product of arm’s length bargaining between experienced counsel or parties; the amount of attorney’s fees; and the possibility of fraud or collusion. Among other attributes of the Settlement Agreement, there are no confidentiality restrictions; the non-disparagement provision makes exception for truthful

statements; the release is narrowly tailored to wage and hour claims; and the attorneys' fees are within a fair, reasonable, and acceptable range. Considering all the circumstances, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and hereby approved.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to terminate all motions and deadlines, and close this case.

SO ORDERED.



ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: December 29, 2020
New York, New York

Copies transmitted to all counsel of record.